

heard from Wilma Lewis, Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

#### WAIVING $\frac{2}{3}$ VOTE REQUIREMENT

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against a resolution reported by the Rules Committee before August 1, 1996. The resolution applies the waiver to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 3734, Personal Responsibility Act of 1996.

#### NEW GENERATION OF VEHICLES PROGRAM

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV) Program. Testimony was heard from Lionel S. Johns, Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Robert M. Chapman, Chairman, PNGC Government Technical Task Force, Department of Commerce; Thomas J. Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Transportation Technologies, Department of Energy; Joseph Bordogna, Associate Director, Engineering, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization, Metropolitan Planning: Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Planning Process. Testimony was heard from Representative Hefley; Kirk Brown, Secretary of Transportation, State of Illinois; Susan Mortel, Assistant Deputy Director, Planning, Department of Transportation, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

#### PATIENT RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2976, Patient Right to Know Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Markey and Ganske; and public witnesses.

#### SAVING OUR CHILDREN: AMERICAN COMMUNITY RENEWAL ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities held a joint hearing on H.R. 3467, Saving Our Children: The American Community Renewal Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Scott, Watts of Oklahoma, Kolbe and Knollenberg; Glenn O. Lewis, Representative, State of Texas; Fannie

Lewis, member, City Council, Cleveland, Ohio; and public witnesses.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

#### SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT

*Conferees* continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D817)

H.R. 248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury. Signed July 29, 1996. (P.L. 104-166)

S. 1899, entitled the "Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area Act". Signed July 29, 1996. (P.L. 104-167)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services,* closed business meeting, to consider certain pending military nominations, 9:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lt. Gen. Howell M. Estes III, USAF, for appointment to the grade of General and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command/Commander-in-Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command, 11:15 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, 1:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Finance, to hold hearings on provisions of H.R. 361, to provide authority to control exports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Business meeting, to consider the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to